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Tennessee Winter Wheat Production down 9 percent from 2015

Tennessee farmers harvested 24.5 million bushels of **winter wheat** during the summer of 2016 according to the Tennessee Field Office of USDA'S National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was down 9 percent from the previous year and down 12 percent from the August forecast. Yield is estimated at 73.0 bushels per acre, up 5.0 bushels from 2015 and up 2.0 bushels from August forecast. Farmers seeded 400,000 acres last fall, down 55,000 acres from 2015. Area harvested for grain totaled 335,000 acres. Acres for other uses totaled 65,000 acres and were used as cover crop for tobacco, cut as hay, chopped for silage or abandoned.

Production of **all wheat** for the **U.S.** totaled 2.31 billion bushels, down slightly from the August 1 forecast and up 12 percent from 2015. Grain area harvested totaled 43.9 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 52.6 bushels per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast and up 9.0 bushels from last year. The levels of production and changes from 2015 by type are winter wheat, 1.67 billion bushels, up 22 percent; other spring wheat, 534 million bushels, down 11 percent, and durum wheat, 104 million bushels, up 24 percent.